

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 708

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Chief Pat Edward  
"Eddie" Cureton of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Chief Pat Edward "Eddie" Cureton; and

WHEREAS, Chief Cureton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Chief Cureton first joined the Knoxville Fire Department in 1964; in 1982, he served as the director of emergency services for the World's Fair, and he served as an emergency services consultant during the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, after retiring in 2002, he was called back to active duty by Mayor Victor Ashe, who asked him to serve as fire chief; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Cureton served with acumen and alacrity as the thirteenth Fire Chief of the Knoxville Fire Department, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and community alike for his dedication and the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Chief Cureton was a mentor and friend to countless firefighters; even after his retirement, he continued to support the Knoxville Fire Department by attending as many of its events as he could, proudly wearing his uniform; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid runner and a devoted fan of the Lady Vols and the Fulton Falcons; and

WHEREAS, Chief Cureton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Chief Pat Edward "Eddie" Cureton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Chief Cureton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.